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Subject: Comments on RM-10352, RM-10353, RM-10354, RM10355

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## Gentlemen:

I am in favor of your proposed rule making (RM-10352) on the = partitioning of the 160 meter band. I am not a frequent user of 160 = meters, but I can certainly see the need for it. I think it would keep = the QRM at a controlable level if the SSB/AM and CW/data signals had = separate sections.

I am in strong favor of RM-10354, your expansion of privileges to = the Novice and Tech licensees on the HF bands as petitioned by John S. = Rippey, W3ULS. They have little enough space on the bands as it is now, = and this expansion would aid them in receiving information and training = from other hams on good operating practices, and expand their interests. = So many of the lower class licensees have so little knowledge of the = many new modes of operation open to them, and this proposal would = certainly make things like PSK31 open to them. I have been = "advertising" and promoting the use of the new digital modes to the hams = that I meet and talk to for quite some time, and I am surprised at the = number of hams who have never heard of PSK31.=20

I see many positive things coming from this expansion, and it could = instill a keener interest in ham radio for many of the Novice and Tech = hams. This expansion would give them a chance to chase DX where they = were never allowed to go before. We all know that DX stations rarely = inhabit the Novice CW bands.

I can see no problem with RM-10353. It would be in the best = interest of the ham community to allow this rule change because when a = ham passes on, usually his family has no clue as to who to contact if = they want to do something special in honor of their loved one having to = do with his ham radio activities. This rule making would give the ham a = choice in the matter before it is too late.

In regard to RM-10355, I have no problem with that, even though I = have never heard retransmissions of space flight transmissions on the = ham bands. It would certainly be interesting to listen to if I had the = opportunity.

## Sincerely,

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